

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS form is also be submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Liang (4,760,456).

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the Specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the Specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the Specification.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) insofar as the additional conductive strip and nut, referred to in Applicant's claim 2, were not illustrated in the figures. Since these terms have been deleted from Applicant's new claims, it is not believed that any drawing corrections are necessary.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and has added new claims 4-7 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward a treadmill comprising: a base frame (22); a platform (27) located above the base frame; two rollers (26); a continuous belt (25) located around the platform and the two rollers; and a diverting apparatus (30) having: a conductive strip (32) having a first end connected to the platform and a second end connected to a ground; and a conducting piece (33) located between the platform and the conductive strip, wherein the diverting apparatus diverting static electricity away from the platform of the treadmill.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: a plurality of cushioning elements (271) located between the platform and the base frame; a connection bolt (31), the platform having a threaded hole (34), the connection bolt is inserted through a hole in the first end of the conductive strip and a hole in the conducting piece, and connected to the threaded hole of the platform; and the threaded hole is located on one of four corners of the platform.

The cited reference to Liang teaches a static electricity and radiation elimination member (12) having an electrically conductive screen (14) connected to a flexible frame (15) by a polymeric strip (18), and a ground wire (16) connected between a CRT (10) and the frame (15).

Liang does not teach a treadmill comprising a base frame, a platform, two rollers, a continuous belt , and a diverting apparatus; the diverting apparatus having a conductive strip having a first end connected to the platform and a second end connected to a ground; a conducting piece located between the platform and the conductive strip; the diverting apparatus diverting static electricity away from the platform of the treadmill; a plurality of cushioning elements located between the platform and the base frame; a connection bolt, the platform having a threaded hole, the connection bolt is inserted through a hole in the first end of the conductive strip and a hole in the conducting piece, and connected to the threaded hole of the platform; nor does Liang teach the threaded hole is located on one of four corners of the platform.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Liang do not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and,

therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Liang cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Liang does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Liang renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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